Title: Need to include Idukki Garden Project in the 'Destination Development Scheme' of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE (IDUKKI): Engineering experts have hailed the Idukki Arch Dam in Idukki District of Kerala as an engineering marvel. Every year scores of visitors and tourists visit the dam, but its full potential as a tourist attraction is yet to be tapped. This is mainly because, other than the Dam, there are no other attractions or facilities in this location for visitors and tourists. Hence Ministry of Tourism should take up a comprehensive project under its "Destination Development Scheme', to construct a Garden, boating facilities in the dam year round, state-of-the-art aquatic complex and stadium, a rope way facility over the garden and a light and sound show arrangement to highlight the history of the dam and the district and matters of interest.

I, therefore, request the Government that Idukki Garden Project may be included in the 'Destination Development Scheme' of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.